



## Definitions of Performance Levels for the 2012 Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Tests

### Level 1: Below Standard

Student performance does not demonstrate an understanding of the English language arts knowledge and skills expected at this grade level.

### Level 2: Meets Basic Standard

Student performance demonstrates a partial understanding of the English language arts knowledge and skills expected at this grade level.

### Level 3: Meets Proficiency Standard

Student performance demonstrates an understanding of the English language arts knowledge and skills expected at this grade level.

### Level 4: Exceeds Proficiency Standard

Student performance demonstrates a thorough understanding of the English language arts knowledge and skills expected at this grade level.

### Scale Score Ranges Associated with Each Performance Level

Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
3	475-643	644-662	663-693	694-780
4	430-636	637-670	671-721	722-775
5	495-647	648-667	668-699	700-795
6	480-643	644-661	662-693	694-785
7	470-641	642-664	665-697	698-790
8	430-627	628-657	658-698	699-790